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For: **VOICE-TO-REMAINING AUDIO (VRA) INTERACTIVE HEARING AID AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT**

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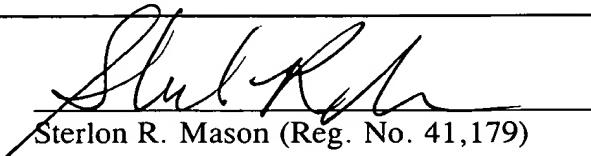
Enclosed are:

1. 22 sheets of written description, 3 sheets of claims, and 1 sheet of abstract.
2. 8 sheets of drawings. (Figs. 1-12)

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4. Please direct all correspondence to **Brian S. Mudge, Kenyon & Kenyon, 1500 K Street, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005**, phone number (202) 220-4214.
5. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed concurrently.
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR §1.9(f) & §1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

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Serial No.: New Application

Filed: June 13, 2000

Title: Voice-to-Remaining Audio (VRA) Interactive Hearing Aid & Auxilliary Equipment

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ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: 3904 Franklin Road, Suite B, Roanoke, VA 24014

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR §121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR §1.9(d) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

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- the specification filed herewith with title as listed above
 the application identified above
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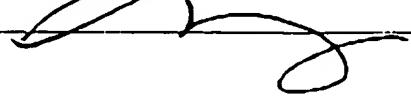
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